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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE COAL SUPPLY SHORT-FALL AGAIN WITH ECONOMICS MINISTRY OFFICIAL DR. KRINK. KRINK SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS NOT YET READY TO RESPOND IN DETAIL TO OUR EARLIER APPROACH, HE HAD DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH SEVERAL COAL COMPANIES AND HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF FILLING THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE SHORT-FALL FROM GERMAN SOURCES. KRINK
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NOTED THAT THE COAL SUPPLY SITUATION IN GERMANY IS

EXTREMELY TIGHT NOW AND WILL BE EVEN TIGHTER AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES. HE SAID THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE COMPANIES MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE SMALL QUANTITIES AVAILABLE AS A GOODWILL GESTURE.

2. USAREUR WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING COAL FROM POLISH SOURCES AND HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY FOR POLITICAL GUIDANCE. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THE RISKS INVOLVED IN A SITUATION WHERE US FORCES MIGHT BECOME HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON COAL SUPPLIES FROM A WARSAW PACT NATION, WE BELIEVE THE RISKS ARE MINIMAL IN THE PRESENT SITUATION WHERE USAREUR WOULD ONLY BE COVERING ITS SHORT-FALL OF 126,000 METRIC TONS OF BITUMINOUS COAL ON A ONE-SHOT BASIS. WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S AND EMBASSY WARSAW'S VIEWS. HILLENBRAND

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